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SUBJECT: AMERICAN TRADE INQUIRY: COPPER DEPOSIT IN BANGLADESH

1. YOUR DECEMBER 14 LETTER CONCERNING COPPER DEPOSIT RANGPUR AND BOGRA AREAS JUST RECEIVED. IN LIGHT DELAY RECEIPT HERE AND YOUR UPCOMING TRIP TO THIS AREA, EMBASSY RESPONDING BY CABLE.

2. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF BANGLADESH (GSB) AND BANGLADESH MINERAL EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BMEDC) STATE COPPER DEPOSITS CITED AREAS YET TO BE PROVED. ONLY A FEW TRACES FOUND WHILE DOING EXPLORATORY DRILLING FOR OTHER MINERALS. GSB PLW NING FURTHER SURVEY AND EXPLORATORY DRILLING THIS WINTER TO DETERMINE NATUREXX EXTENT AND DEPTH OF DEPOSIT; RESULTS MAY NOT BE KNOWN BEFORE END 1974.

3. WHILE DISCUSSING COPPER, BMEDC INQUIRED IF YOUR COMPANY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN CONSTRUCTION OF A DEEP LIMESTONE MINE AND A CEMENT WORKS IN JAIPURHAT IN BOGRA. 1973-78 FIVE-YEAR PLAN SETS ASIDE AN ESTIMATED \$67 MROLION, INCLUDING \$40 MILLION IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE, FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT. BMEDC HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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ALREADY INVITED APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION BY FEBRUARY,

1974. DETAILS OF PREQUALIFICATION NOTICE HAVE BEEN CABLED TO TRADE OPPORTUNITY DIVISION, US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WASH, DC FOR DISEMINATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES (DACCA TEL. 0268, T-0062). IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONACT COMMERCE FOR MORE INFO AND/OR WRITE TO DR. F. H. KHAN, CHAIRMAN, BMEDC, FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION.

4. IF CONVENIENT, YOU MAY WISH CONSIDER SHORT VISIT TO DR. KHAN IN DACCA FROM BANGKOK OR NEW DELHI.
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